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DINING-IN

**MATHER AIR FORCE BASE
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SPECIALIZED UNDERGRADUATE NAVIGATOR TRAINING

DINING-IN

4 August 1989

GUEST SPEAKER

Lieutenant General Robert C. Oaks

ENTERTAINMENT

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Dick Jonas

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) C.W. "Bill" Getz

323d Flying Training Wing Commander

Colonel John R. Morrison, Jr.

Deputy Commander for Operations

Colonel William J. Ryan III



Your Host

455th Flying Training Squadron

Mr President

Lt Col Stafford W. Ouderkirk

Mr Vice

Captain John P. Geis II

450th Flying Training Squadron

Commander: Lt Col Scott E. Gerhart

451st Flying Training Squadron

Commander: Lt Col David R. Casteel

452d Flying Training Squadron

Commander: Lt Col Lee A. Newman, Jr.

453d Flying Training Squadron

Commander: Lt Col Rudolph J. Kobarg, Jr.

454th Flying Training Squadron

Commander: Lt Col William S. Vinal

455th Flying Training Squadron

Commander: Lt Col Stafford W. Ouderkirk

Welcome

The honored tradition of the "Dining-In," though not exclusively military, is so old that its beginnings have almost been lost in the shadows of antiquity. It was derived from an old Viking tradition of celebrating victory in great battles and feats of heroes by formal ceremony. This tradition spread to the monestaries and the early-day universities. Later, this tradition found its way into the military when the officers' mess was established. This ceremony can be traced back through and to such activities as the Knights of the Round Table, the Knights of Malta, or even the "Wassail" toasts of the Hat-in-the-Ring Squadrons. Most authorities, however, agree that its military practice originated among the old Saxon nobles of the tenth century in England and is probably more than a thousand years old.

This ancient practice came to America via Washington's Continentals who, despite their aversion to anything that suggested "Red Coats," fully realized the value of these occasions to promote unit pride, high morale, and loyalty.

The United States Air Force has the late General H.H. "Hap" Arnold to thank for establishing the tradition of the "Dining-In" within the Army Air Corps by way of his famous "Wing Dings." The association of Air Corps personnel with the British and their "Dining-In" customs during World War II gave additional impetus for its growth in the United States Air Force.

During the Korean War, the "Airdales" of the United States Navy reestablished the "Dining-In" custom as a stag dinner at the Officers' Club or Mess. Modern Naval Patrol Aviation has continued this tradition. Most "Dining-In" functions take place during a Squadron's six month deployment overseas, providing an occasion for officers to relax.

Finally, both the United States Navy and the Air Force recognize that this occasion provides a setting where ceremony, tradition, and good fellowship blend together, contributing significantly to the vitality of any military group.

Rules of the Mess

The following is a list of rules under which the mess will be conducted. They are designed to conform to tradition and promote levity. Violators of these rules are subject to the wrath and mischievousness of Mister Vice. All assigned penalties will be carried out before the membership.

1. Thou shalt arrive within 10 minutes of the appointed hour.
2. Thou shalt make every effort to meet all guests.
3. Thou shalt move to the mess when thee hears the chimes or pipes and remain standing until seated by the President.
4. Thou shalt not bring cocktails or lighted smoking material into the mess.
5. Thou shalt not leave the mess whilst convened. Military protocol overrides all calls of nature.
6. Thou shalt participate in all toasts unless thyself or thy group is honored with a toast.
7. Thou shalt ensure that thy glass is always charged when toasting.
8. Thou shalt keep toasts and comments within the limits of good taste and mutual respect. Degrading or insulting remarks will be frowned upon by the membership. However, good-natured needling is encouraged. All toasts must rhyme.
9. Thou shalt not murder the Queen's English.
10. Thou shalt not open the hangar doors.
11. Thou shalt always use the proper toasting procedure.
12. Thou shalt fall into disrepute with thy peers if the pleats of thy cummerbund are not properly faced.
13. Thou shalt also be painfully regarded if thy clip-on bow tie rides at an obvious list. Thou shalt be forgiven, however, if thou also ride at a comparable list.
14. Thou shalt consume thy meal in a manner becoming gentlepersons.
15. Thou shalt not laugh at ridiculously funny comments unless the President first shows approval by laughing.
16. Thou shalt express thy approval by tapping thy spoon on the table. Clapping of thy hands will not be tolerated.
17. Thou shalt not drink during the Guest Speaker's presentation.
18. Thou shalt not question the decisions of the President.
19. When the mess adjourns, thou shalt rise and wait for the President and guests to leave.
20. Thou shalt not be guilty of cavilling.
21. Thou shalt enjoy thyself to thy fullest.

Agenda

- 1830 *Members arrive. Bar opens.*
- 1900 *Bar closes. Members move to dining room and take places at tables. (Remain standing until toast to the Dining-in Guests).*
- 1910 *Dining-In formally opened by the President of the Mess.*
- Presentation and Posting of the Colors.*
 National Anthem
 Service Songs
- Invocation by the Chaplain.*
- President of the Mess:*
- Toast: To the Colors.*
 (Response: "To the Colors")
- Toast: Ladies and gentlemen. With us tonight are our fellow officers representing our friends and allies throughout the world. Their presence here tonight serves to symbolize the friendship and comradeship we share. I propose a toast to the leaders of these great countries hereto represented.*
 (Response: "Hear, Hear")
- Toast: To the Commander-In-Chief, the President of the United States.*
 (Response: "To the President")
- Toast: To the Secretary of Defense.*
 (Response: "To the Secretary")
- Toast: To the Commandant, United States Marine Corps.*
 (Response: "To the Commandant")
- Toast: To the Chief of Naval Operations.*
 (Response: "To the Chief")
- Toast: To the Chief of Staff, United States Air Force.*
 (Response: "To the Chief of Staff")
- Toast: To the Commander, Air Training Command.*
 (Response: "Hear, Hear")
- Toast: To the Commander, 323d Flying Training Wing.*
 (Response: "Hear, Hear")

Toast: To the Guests.
(Response: "Hear, Hear")

- 1930 *Dinner begins.*
- 2030 *Introduction of the Guest Speaker.*
- 2100 *Presentation to Guest Speaker.*
- Toast: To our Guest Speaker.*
 (Response: "Hear, Hear")
- 2105 *Mess adjourns. (Members remain standing until members of the head table depart).*
- 2120 *Mess reconvenes. (Members remain standing until seated by the President of the Mess).*
- 2125 *Special Entertainment.*
- 2230 *Closing remarks by the President of the Mess.*
Mess adjourns. (Members remain standing until members of the head tables depart the mess).

Menu

Filet Mignon

Deluxe Green Salad

Dutchesse Potatoes

Broccoli with Butter

Honey-Glazed Carrots

Warm Bridgford Rolls with Butter

Wine

Coffee or Tea

Chocolate Mousse

Lieutenant General Robert C. Oaks

Lieutenant General Robert C. Oaks is commander of Air Training Command with headquarters at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. The command is responsible for recruiting Air Force personnel and providing them military, technical, and flying training.

General Oaks was born Feb. 14, 1936, in Los Angeles. A 1954 graduate of Brigham Young High School in Provo, Utah, he entered the first class of the US Air Force Academy in 1955 after attending Brigham Young University for one year. Prior to entering the Air Force, he served 18 months in the Utah National Guard. General Oaks earned a bachelor of science degree from the Academy in 1959 and a master's degree in business administration from Ohio State University in 1967. He completed the Naval War College in 1974.

Upon graduation from the Academy, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force. He completed flight training at Bartow Air Base, Florida, and Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma, and received his pilot wings in September 1960. The general then attended combat crew training at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, and Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. In September 1961, he transferred to Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico, as an F-100 pilot with the 522d Tactical Fighter Squadron and, later, the 524th Tactical Fighter Squadron. From April 1963 to June 1966, General Oaks was assigned to the 416th Tactical Fighter Squadron, first at Misawa Air Base, Japan; next, in August 1964, at England Air Force Base, Louisiana; and then, in November 1965, at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Republic of Vietnam. He flew 188 combat missions in F-100s in Southeast Asia.

After completing his master's degree in August 1967, General Oaks was assigned to the Air Force Academy as air officer commanding, 23d Cadet Squadron, and later as the commandant of cadets' executive for honor and ethics. In June 1970, the general became an F-111A flight commander with the 430th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 474th Tactical Fighter Wing, Nellis Air Force Base. While at Nellis, he served as executive officer to the wing commander and as operations officer, 429th Tactical Fighter Squadron. In November 1971, he was assigned as the commander of the 391st Tactical Fighter Squadron at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

He completed Naval War College in July 1974 and was assigned to Headquarters US Air Force, Washington, DC, as chief of the Joint Policy Branch. During the next three years, the general then served as deputy chief, Global Plans and Policy Division; chief, Pacific-East Asia Division; chief, International Relations Division; chief, Europe-North Atlantic Treaty Organization Division; and deputy assistant for National Security Council matters, all within the Directorate of Plans, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations and Plans. In July 1977, he was assigned as assistant for general officer matters, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel.

From August 1979 to August 1981, General Oaks served as assistant for readiness, Headquarters US Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, West Germany. He then became commander of the 86th Tactical Fighter Wing, also at Ramstein Air Base, and the Kaiserslautern Military Community. He became director of personnel plans, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Personnel, Air Force Headquarters, in June 1983. In February 1985, he was assigned as assistant deputy chief of staff for Manpower and Personnel.

The general became commander of Allied Air Forces Southern Europe and deputy commander in chief, US Air Forces in Europe for the Southern Area, headquartered in Naples, Italy, in October 1986. He assumed his present command in June 1988.

General Oaks is a command pilot with more than 3,300 flying hours. His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with eight oak leaf clusters and Air Force Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters, Combat Readiness Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal with one service star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one service star, Vietnam Service Medal with three service stars, Air Force Overseas Ribbon-Short, Air Force Overseas Ribbon-Long with one oak leaf cluster, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with six oak leaf clusters, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Force Training Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with one service star, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

He was promoted to lieutenant general October 8, 1986, with same date of rank.

General Oaks is married to the former Gloria Unger of Provo, Utah. They have four sons, Perry, Barton, Derek, and Brock; and two daughters, Keri and Kristie.

Lieutenant Colonel Dick Jonas (USAF, Retired)

Lieutenant Colonel "Dick" Jonas (USAF, Retired) is the USAF's "Fighter Pilots Singing Legend," and will be performing for this Dining-In during the informal portion. He gained much notoriety among USAF flyers during the Vietnam conflict and has recorded several albums of "fighter pilot" type songs.

In the late 50's he attended Florida College and began a short career in radio broadcasting. In 1965, Lt Col Jonas attended Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; attended pilot training at Moody AFB, Georgia; assigned to F-4's in 1966; and sent to Vietnam in 1967. Assigned to the 433rd Tactical Fighter Squadron, "Satans Angels," of the 8th TFW "Wolfpack" at Ubon Royal Thai Air Base. While there, served with Robin Olds (8th Tactical Fighter Wing Commander), and Hoot Gibson (Korean ace and former leader of the USAF T-Birds). Lt Col Jonas flew 125 combat missions in the F-4 and received the distinguished flying cross and 13 air medals. From 1969-1970, Dick was assigned to the 49th Tactical Fighter Wing at Holloman AFB, New Mexico, and concurrently cut his first album. From 1970-1971 he was assigned to Misawa Air Base, Japan; from 1971-1974 he was reassigned to Kadena Air Base, and attended Fighter Weapons School while there. From 1974-1975, Dick was an F-4 IP at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona; and from 1975-1978 was a personnel staff officer at Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base. Attended US Army Command and General Staff College in 1978. In 1979 he was assigned to Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, where he transitioned to the F-16. In 1983, Dick was assigned to Kunsan Air Base, Korea, as Chief of Wing Safety. In 1984 he was reassigned to the South Carolina Air National Guard as a regular Air Force adviser in the F-16. Dick is currently residing in Phoenix, Arizona, and runs an Air Force high school ROTC detachment.

Lieutenant Colonel C. W. "Bill" Getz (USAF, Retired)

Lieutenant Colonel "Bill" Getz has written several books on Air Force songs, and has a colorful World War II history.

In 1942, Bill joined the Army Air Corps as an 18 year-old aviation cadet. He served with the Air Force for 20 years, including combat duty as a pilot in World War II. While flying B-24 Liberators and P-51 Mustangs from the 8th Air Force Bases in England, he began collecting songs and ballads of pilots, bombardiers, navigators, gunners, flight engineers, ground crews, and mechanics, and has compiled them in a new book, "The Wild Blue Yonder". From 1942-1962, Mr. Getz flew a variety of aircraft to include the C-54, C-47, C-45, B-25, B-24, P-51, P-61, B-26, C-46, and a variety of trainers. Mr Getz is presently owner of Syntax Associates (Property Management), and has a doctorate in management. He resides in Hillsborough, California.

The Air Force Song

*Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high, into the sun;
Here they come, zooming to meet our thunder,
At 'em boys, give'er the gun!
Down we dive spouting our flame from under,
Off with one hell-uv-of-a roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame,
Nothing can stop the U.S. Air Force!*

*Minds of men fashioned a crate of thunder,
Sent it high into the blue;
Hands of men blasted the world asunder,
How they lived God only knew!
Souls of men dreaming of skies to conquer
Gave us wing, ever to soar.
With scouts before and bombers galore,
Nothing can stop the U.S. Air Force!*

Anchors Aweigh

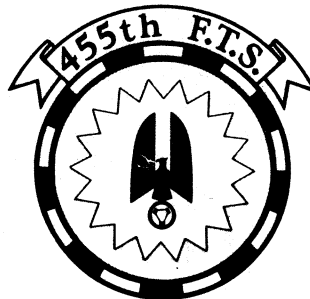
*Stand Navy out to sea, fight our battle cry,
We'll never change our course, so vicious foe
steer shy.
Roll out the T.N.T., anchors aweigh,
Sail on to victory and sink their bones to
Davy Jones hooray!*

*Anchors Aweigh my boys, Anchors Aweigh
Farewell to college joys, we sail at break of day.
Through our last night on shore, drink to the foam.
Until we meet once more, here's wishing you a
happy voyage home.*

Marines' Hymn

*From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli,
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea.
First to fight for right and freedom,
And to keep our honor clean,
We are proud to claim the title
Of United States Marine.*

*Our flag's unfurl'd to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought every clime and place
Where we could take a gun.
In the snow of far-off northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes,
You will find us always on the job--
The United States Marines.*



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